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SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS JULY QUARTERLY LABOR

AUGUST 2003 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the QUARTERLY FARM LABOR SURVEY for the week of July 6-12, 2003. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,



Dwaine C. Nelson
State Statistician

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 18,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona during the week of July 6th - 12th, 2003. This was 1,000 more than the corresponding week in July 2002. Hours worked averaged 47.7, an increase of 4.9 hours compared to last July, and 7.7 hours higher than the national average. Wages were not far off from last year, with all workers being paid an average of \$8.07 and hour, only 4 cents higher than last July. At 81 cents below the national average of \$8.88 an hour, the region still lags behind much of the country.

UNITED STATES: There were 1,273,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of July 6-12, 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 953,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 320,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$8.88 per hour during the July 2003 reference week, up 31 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.18 per hour, up 28 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$8.62 per hour compared with \$8.38 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$8.28 per hour, was up 26 cents from last year.

Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., July 2002-2003 ^{1/}

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	July 7-13 2002	July 6-12 2003	July 7-13 2002	July 6-12 2003	July 7-13 2002	July 6-12 2003	July 7-13 2002	July 6-12 2003
Workers on Farms	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	19	24	17	18	74	61	1,006	953
Hours Worked	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	41.6	44.5	42.8	47.7	39.7	38.2	40.0	40.0
Wages By Work Type	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	7.23	7.86	7.15	7.11	7.06	7.62	7.90	8.18
Livestock	7.35	8.62	8.11	8.41	7.23	7.58	8.38	8.62
Field & Livestock	7.27	8.06	7.43	7.55	7.14	7.60	8.02	8.28
All Workers	7.82	8.56	8.03	8.07	7.53	8.15	8.57	8.88

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.